In the Specification

The specification has been amended as follows:

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 2 line 27 and replace it with the following paragraph:

It is also desirable to provide an integrated trim assembly which is pre-assembled and factory adjusted. The integrated trim assembly incorporates a decorative cover (rosette or escutcheon), a mounting plate, through bolt posts, a retractable spindle and a handle (lever or knob). Such an assembly enables ease of installation, avoids field adjustment and less error during installation. Fig. 9 for example, shows a typical prior art trim assembly comprising a number of parts which must be assembled during installation or installed ~~serperately~~separately.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 22 and replace it with the following paragraph:

The above and other objects, which will be apparent to those skilled in the art, are achieved in the present invention which is directed to an integrated door lock handle and trim assembly having a retractable spindle for operating a mortise door lock comprising:

a door lock handle having a support shoulder and external threads at the end of the handle and an axial blind opening in the handle for accommodating a spring and a spindle;

a cover (rosette) having a base and a door facing outer lip around the base periphery and an internal threaded through opening in the base which opening

is sized to allow the cover to rotate freely on the handle and the base rests against the shoulder;

a mounting plate sized to fit within the outer lip and having a through opening with a lip having external threads which are to be threaded with the internal threads of the cover;

a cap nut having a through opening with internal threads which are to be threaded with the external threads of the handle forming an integral assembly of the handle, cover, mounting plate and cap nut;

an elongated spring disposed within the axial opening of the handle having a front end and a rear end press-fit into and resting against the end of the blind opening; and

an elongated spindle sized to extend through the cap nut opening, mounting plate opening and the axial opening in the handle and having a front end shaped to engage and operate the door lock and a rear end which is pressing against the front end of the spring;

whereas the spindle can be retracted within the axial opening decreasing the effective length of the spindle enabling the assembly to be used for doors of varying thicknesses.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 6 line 1 and replace it with the following paragraph:

In an additional aspect of the invention the rear end of the spindle has a blind hole which~~,~~ is provided with an anchor of which one end is press-fit into the blind hole on the spindle. The other end of the anchor is secured to a spring in the axial

opening in the handle and enables the spindle to be retained and retracted in the assembly and prevents the spindle from falling out of the assembly during manufacture, shipping, and installation. The feature of spindle anchor can be an integral part of the spindle instead of a separate piece. For example, the rear end of the spindle may have an umbrella or other shape which engages the spring and is secured to the spring.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 15 and replace it with the following paragraph:

In describing the preferred embodiments of the present invention, reference will be made herein to Figs. 1-~~8~~10B of the drawings in which like numerals refer to like features of the invention.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 8 line 26 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the mortise lock integrated trim assembly with a retracting spindle and is ~~show~~ shown generally as numeral 10. The assembly comprises a lever handle 18 and an axially disposed spindle 12 along plane A. This is the same plane for operating the lock as shown in Fig. 8. The spindle is preferably square and is disposed in a square opening 16 in handle 18 so that when handle 18 is turned, spindle 12 likewise turns. A cover 26 is shown holding a mounting plate 46 which plate is secured to the cover. Two mounting posts 40a and 40b are shown extending axially outward from mounting plate 46. The posts are through bolts and pass through openings in the door and lock from alignment of the trim to the lock.

Two screws from the opposed side of the door are threaded into post openings 41a and 41b to secure the trim mechanism to the door.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 9 line 7 and replace it with the following paragraph:

The cover 26 including the mounting plate 46 and mounting posts 40a and 40b can freely rotate about a bearing surface of an ~~extension20~~ extension 20 (shown on Fig. 5) on the ~~handle~~ handle. A cap nut 54 is threaded onto external threads on the extension of the handle (not shown in this figure) and holds the cover and mounting plate in place. As will be described hereinbelow, the cap nut 54 preferably has a star shaped face wherein when four edges of the star face engage with the edges of the square spindle 12 the cap nut 54 cannot loosen during use of the lock. It should also be noted that the cover, mounting posts, and mounting plate can be assembled separately and then fit onto the handle and secured by the cap nut.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 10 line 18 and replace it with the following paragraph:

The making of the assembly of Fig. 1 may be described with relation to Fig. 2. Accordingly, cover 26 is placed onto extension 20 of handle 18 and the base 28 rests against shoulder 22. The disc spring ~~34~~36 is disposed in the angular space 29 of cover 26 between lips 30 and 34. Mounting posts 40a and 40b are disposed in openings 50a and 50b respectively of mounting plate 46 and mounting plate 46 is threaded into the threaded opening 32 of cover 26. The cap nut 54 is then threaded onto the

external thread 24 of handle 18. This assembly may be made separately and fit onto the handle.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 11 line 12 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 4 shows a cross-sectional view of the assembly of Fig. 1 taken along lines 4-4. Handle 18 with opening 16 accommodates spring 42 and spindle 12 is secured to the spring by anchor 60. The end 44b of spring 42 rests against the end 16b of the opening 16. The base 28 of cover 26 rests against shoulder 22 of handle 18 and disc spring 36 is shown urging against the heads 40a' and 40b' of support pins 40a and 40b. The disc spring 36 and support pins 40a and 40b are held in the annular space in cover 26 by mounting plate 46 which is threaded into the cover plate 26. Cap nut 54 is threaded onto the threads 24 of handle 18 completing the assembly. Spindle 12 can be retracted in the axial direction shown by arrow B.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 11 line 22 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 5 is an exploded view of the assembly of Fig. 4 and shows the handle 18, opening 16, shoulder 22, extension 20 and external threads 24. Spring 42 is disposed in opening ~~26~~16. Cover 26 having a cover base 28 is shown holding disc spring 36 and support pins 40a and 40b with mounting plate 46. Cap nut 54 is shown having the star points 58 and through opening 56. Internal threads 62 of the cap nut will be threaded onto external threads 24 of handle 18 to secure the assembly together. The spindle 12 is shown having a front end 12a and rear end 12b with the rear end having

an axial opening 12c. Base 60c of anchor 60 is force fit into spindle opening 12c and has prongs 60a and 60b which will engage with spring 42 so that the spindle 12 is preferably held together with spring 42.